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Business as heretofore.
E. S. KADOORIE.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1906. a774

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The Editor's address is: The Hongkong Daily Press, 111, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

DEATH.
On April 10th, at Kube, whilst on his homeward voyage, J. H. SAYRE, Second Assistant I. M. Customs Service.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 111, QUEEN'S ROAD, E.C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 11TH, 1906.

A leader-writer in the North-China Daily News has managed to stir up a remonstrance by suggesting that the society of Shanghai is uniformly dull. "Is it," he writes, evidently meaning interrogative to imply affirmative—"is it that by mixing all our manners and customs together we have evolved a composite type which is so completely in harmony with our environment that we bend all our energies to modelling ourselves on it?" There is an undercurrent of protest in the whole of the comments from which we quote, as if the writer had been trying to introduce some innovation, such as insisting upon paying for his own drinks at the Club, or wearing a white tie with a dinner jacket, or a monocle in the left eye, or something equally repugnant to received opinion. The writer appears to believe that the Shanghailander is a composite type, for he reminds us that "the blending of all the colours produces white," and adds, "not but what white is very nice, but it is uninteresting." Some little knowledge of the community dealt with causes us to wonder how any observant person can think of Shanghai society as either white or uninteresting. With the remonstrance evoked from an angry correspondent we have no concern, for he appears to have misinterpreted the intention and purport of the leader in many ways. Not but what the comments are very nice, we might say, but they are so uninteresting. The description of the inhabitants of Shanghai as "groovy" cannot be allowed to go unchallenged, as all that was said might

be said of Hongkong and other Far Eastern communities. The Shanghai and Hongkong communities are alike famed for their cosmopolitan composition, and it is rather startling to hear now for the first time of this dull creature evolved from such diverse constituents. One of the chief advantages of life in either port is that it is not life as lived in a provincial town, where a man's social choice is limited, broadly speaking, to being a gentleman or a "bouncer," or else something else quite unthinkable. In Shanghai or Hongkong, as we know, it is possible to out-Shaw Bernard Shaw in contempt for SHAKESPEARE, and still receive dinner invitations. There is so much more choice than a degrading alternative. Grooves, of course, as our contemporary ought to have known, are inevitable; the mistake lay in the very large assumption that Shanghai has but one. It has so many that the man must be eccentric indeed who cannot find his place. As to the dullness of Shanghai dinner parties, it is a regrettable necessity to have to remind the critic that so much depends upon the dinner. We can without effort recall occasions when the feast of reason was equal to the spread of eatables; which latter, all sorts of Chinese cooks notwithstanding, compared very favourably indeed with the "groovy"ness, and monotony of many a European menu. This newly-discovered "composite type" would be as unwelcome as the innovators in a really "groovy" circle, and so far as the China coast is concerned, must be reckoned a myth. One salient complaint of our contemporary is that the "improving conversation" of early Victorian days is never now thought of. We protest: it is—and with a shudder. We fancy it was as much the improving conversation as the port, that left our ancestors so notoriously under the table. Can it be that our contemporary has been misguided by some contributor who went to a Shanghai dinner armed with carefully rehearsed "improving conversation," and who was routed by finding that the "composite types" were too busy eating and chattering to hear him to the end of his flowing periods? Society everywhere is like that; it is not just to call Shanghai names for it. "Visitors who go away," as our contemporary says, "saying that never elsewhere have they found a community so restricted by grooves on such a table-land of uniformity," only say that at the wharf, we venture to guess, because they failed to get a hearing for something equally verbose at the dining table. They are unfair to Shanghai, and, in a subtler sense, still more unfair to Surbiton.

Six plague cases were recorded yesterday, making 141 to date.

£150,000 capital is being subscribed for new ice works at Singapore.

The Commission for the delimitation of the Franco-Siamese territories has arrived at Hanoi.

The final detachment of the Japanese army reached home from Manchuria twenty days ahead of time.

The Emperor of Annam is about to visit Tonkin, and in Hanoi fêtes are being arranged in honour of his coming.

Mr. R. W. Mansfield, C.M.G., leaves A mox for his new post at Canton on April 12th. He will be succeeded by Mr. P. E. O'Brien Butler.

The following telegram has been received from H.B.M. Consul at Chefoo dated 10th instant:—Quarantine enforced against Hongkong.

The Chinese Court has telegraphed to the Minister in London, H.E. Yang Tsai to proceed to Spain to congratulate the Spanish King on the occasion of his marriage.

Sir Ernest Satow having repeatedly protested against the cancellation of British mining concessions, the Waifu has replied that unless a preliminary agreement has been ratified it is not a valid document.

At the opening of the Penang Assizes, the Solicitor-General remarked on the serious increase of crimes of violence in the Settlement. He pointed to the calendar which contained eight charges of such crimes.

Messrs. Siemens and Co., agents for the steamer M. Straus, have received word that that vessel is stranded off Oakes Island, some 500 miles from Hongkong. The vessel left here last Friday with a cargo of sugar consigned to Chekiang. An effort at salvage is considered advisable.

Mr. Senator Hale, in reply to a question asked in Washington, as to the number of troops ready for service in China, said: "I don't know how many troops have been sent there, but I think several thousands. The purpose of the general staff is that they may be used if any emergency either arises or can be made, to invade China, which, of course, would be a declaration of war while Congress is in session."

It is suggested that the persistent rumour of Japanese attempts to buy the Philippines may mean an effort to obtain a naval base there.

We take the following item from a Singapore paper without knowing to what it refers:—"The ex-Hongkong Bank clerk who is alleged to have 'cheated' a money-changer out of 100 sovereigns, has been sent up for trial at the next Assizes."

Six hundred Annamites recently went to the mainland Hanoi to protest against the measures of the French authorities to check the progress of the plague. The meeting was noisy and tumultuous, but it need hardly be added, the natives did not gain their end.

According to *L'Echo de Chine*, M. Legues has, at the Council of the Elysée, submitted for the approval of the President a scheme authorising the Government to take provisional measures to assure the continuation of the work of constructing the Luoyang-Yunnan railway.

A very pretty juvenile cantata entitled "Playmates," which was recently performed by the young folk at Quarry Bay, will be repeated by special request in the Union Church School Hall at 7.30 this evening. On the former occasion the performance was highly appreciated by all present.

It is understood that Mr. B. Outram, M.E., who went out to South Africa some time last year, is returning to China, and will be the representative of the British Government at Chinwangtao with headquarters at Shaohai-kwan, in the place of Mr. Halifax, who is ordered home.

The Nanfeng reports that an earthquake took place during the latter part of the second moon in the Ulissai district, causing a fissure in the earth's surface of more than ten ft. in length and eighty or ninety feet in width. Houses were damaged and many people were injured. In some parts of the fissure "dark coloured water" bubbled up.

The three railways to be built in Shensi, without the aid of foreign capital, are to run: (1) From Tating to Kalgan, passing through Shioingfa, Chihaihuang, and Sha-yunsheng; (2) From Paochow to Tangkuan in Shensi, passing over the Yellow River; (3) From Pingyang to Tachien, connecting with the Tachien and Tachien railway.

A writer in *L'Asie du Tonkin* discusses the possibility of a war between France and Japan, in which event the latter is considered likely to operate against Indo-China. In addition to possessing a powerful army, the Japanese would have a good base in Formosa for their operations. The erection of fortifications in the French Colony is advocated.

A fortnight ago there was a revolt in the civil prison at Hanoi. The prisoners overpowered their guards but were themselves surrounded by reinforcements before they could effect their escape. Four prisoners were killed and a number injured. It is suggested that the police guard is insufficient, there being only seven European and thirteen natives to guard 253 active prisoners.

A sensational termination to a protracted hearing in the Supreme Court was witnessed last evening. The action was to determine whether a retired Chinese banker was a member of a banking firm at the time of its bankruptcy. Many witnesses were called on both sides and after a five days' hearing the jury last night decided that the banker was not a partner as alleged. After giving judgment, the Chief Justice called before him eight witnesses who appeared in support of the Official Receiver's claim. These leading Chinese merchants were very much astonished when his Lordship said he found them guilty of the most flagrant conspiracy against the alleged bankrupt and committed them at once to three months' imprisonment.

A Chinese paper states the Russian demands in treaty with China to be as follows:—

- 1.—The retention of the Mubo, Kuanying-shao, and other gold mines in Heilankiang by Russia, because the Russian Government has spent large sums of money on them during the last five years.
- 2.—The construction of branch lines of the Chinese Eastern Railway in the provinces of Heilankiang and Kirin.
- 3.—The granting of special mining, railway, and commercial privileges by China to Russia in Mongolia and Chinese Turkestan under the same conditions as the Japanese have acquired in Fushien & Southern Manchuria.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition for the Captain's Cup, presented by the Captain of the Club, Mr. E. J. Gist, took place on the 7th to 9th April, 1906. The heavy storm which took place on the morning of the 8th instant prevented many players from putting in cards. The winner proved to be Mr. F. R. Barry.

The following returns were made:

CAPTAIN'S CUP.	
Mr. F. R. Barry	81
Mr. J. Clark	80
Mr. R. Miller	79
Mr. T. C. Gray	78

The pool was won by Lt. F. Gibson, R.N., with a net score of 78.

MAY CUP.
The competition for this cup took place on the same date, the following returns being made:

Mr. F. W. Pontey	104	26	85
Mr. A. S. Fraser	101	16	88
Mr. F. C. Kendall	113	18	95

Winner.

The next Club competition will take place on the 14th to 16th April for the Robertson Farwell Cup.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

CONCLUSION OF THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

LONDON, April 10th.
The last sitting of the conference took place yesterday; a general act was signed, and all the delegates left.

RUSSIA AND TIBET.

LONDON, April 10th.
The Tsar has telegraphed to the Dalai Lama as follows: "A large number of my Buddhist subjects have had the happiness to pay homage to the great High Priest during his visit to Northern Mongolia, which borders on the Russian empire." The Tsar rejoices that his subjects have had the opportunity of benefiting by the salutary spiritual influence, and begs the Dalai Lama to accept his thanks and sincere regards.

THE ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS.

LONDON, April 10th.
The eruption of Vesuvius is assuming extraordinary proportions. The cone on the Pompei side has collapsed, and a new crater has opened on the opposite side. Constant explosions occur, and the principal crater is vomiting red-hot rocks to the height of 3,000 feet. Naples is crowded with refugees, the houses are shaken, and many of the inhabitants are collected in the squares at night.

(N.C. Daily News Service.)

A CURIOUS REPORT.

Peking, April 10th.
It is noticeable that the German diplomatic policy, which has been voiced by the Kaiser and Prince Bülau as well as by the Minister at Peking, has unexpectedly succeeded, and that Germany has lately secured the confidence of the Chinese high officials, while Great Britain, the United States, and Japan, which have till recently been in close relations with China, have become estranged.

DISTINGUISHED FELLOW TRAVELLERS.

Tokyo, April 10th.
Viscount Aoki, Minister to Washington, and Admiral Gotō, Minister to London, are both passengers from Yokohama by the R.M.S. *Empress of China*.

EVACUATION OR BLUFF?

Tokyo, April 10th.
General Grodekoff has ordered Russian women and children to leave Manchuria, presumably with the object of bluffing China.

THE ITALIAN PRINCE IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, April 10th.
Prince Ferdinando of Salaparuta returns to H.M.S. *Calabria* to-morrow.

THE GERMAN ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

Tokyo, April 10th.
Rear-Admiral Bressing, Commander-in-Chief of the German Far Eastern Squadron, will be received in audience by H.M. the Emperor on the 13th inst.

RACE WAR IN OHIO.

A despatch dated Springfield, Feb. 27th, says: Mob violence resulted to-night from a shooting in the railroad yards early this morning, in which M. M. Davis, a brakeman, was fatally shot by two negroes, Preston Ladd of Bellefontaine and Edward Dean of this city.

Ladd was taken to the hospital this morning as a result of injuries received presumably in connection with the shooting of Davis. Davis was a ward adjacent to his victim. Dean was taken to-day after a hurried conference of officials. A mob of 1,000 men and boys formed and marched to the "Jungles," a locality inhabited by coloured people, with the announced purpose of burning that section. The mob soon reached the "Jungles" and battered one house to pieces with stones and pelted as with stones.

At 10 p.m. the mob entered Kempler's saloon, on East Columbia Street, and quickly looted it. Kempler and his wife fled, leaving their little children asleep in the room over the saloon. The building was riddled with bullets and stones, and it was only by the hardest work on the part of the police and firemen that a way was forced through the mob and the children rescued. After the pillage of the saloon, the mob was an added feature of the riot.

At 11 o'clock members of the mob broke through a cordon of police and set fire to a house in the "Jungles," which was quickly burned. Sergeant Cressler, who had charge of the squad of police, was hit on the head with a brick and seriously wounded.

A request was sent out at 10 o'clock for the Xenia militia company, but the troops had not arrived at 11 o'clock.

At midnight six houses which had been fired by the mob were burning fiercely and the police had apparently lost control of the situation. Only six members of the local militia responded to the Mayor's call, and the Xenia company, which was expected, had not arrived. At 12.30 a.m. the city authorities succeeded in assembling parts of Companies B and E of the Third Regiment, which are stationed here. The total force numbers about seventy-five men. They went to the scene of the fire and have forced the mob back. Just as the troops arrived one more building was fired and no efforts were made to save it. The efforts of the police and the firemen and the guardsmen were directed solely to forcing the rioters back and saving the property outside of the doomed square.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, April 10th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

A PARTNERSHIP DISPUTE.

The trial of the issue to determine whether Weng Ka-cheung was at the presentation of a petition in bankruptcy a partner in the Lai Hing firm was resumed. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. H. Brutton (of Messrs. Birtles, Hett and Goldring), appeared for the Official Receiver, and Mr. H. G. Calthrop, who took the place of Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding, appeared for Weng Ka-cheung.

Mr. Slade having the previous day concluded his address to the jury, Mr. Sharp addressed the jury at length, after which his Lordship summed up.

The jury, after an absence of twelve minutes, returned with a unanimous verdict that Weng Ka-cheung was not a partner.

His Lordship—Call forward these eight witnesses.

The witnesses came forward, with the exception of one who was absent, when the Chief Justice said:—These eight witnesses have been guilty of the most flagrant conspiracy to defraud the alleged partner Weng Ka-cheung. You have each one been guilty of the most corrupt perjury, and in virtue of the provisions of the law which empowers me to deal at once with such cases I commit each of you to prison for three months.

Mr. Calthrop—Your Lordship will give judgment with costs out of the estate?

Mr. Sharp held that the defendant had only himself to blame in making extravagant statements and he ought not to have his costs.

His Lordship—I can only give judgment with costs. My only regret is that I cannot make these witnesses pay the costs.

In dismissing the jury, the Chief Justice said they would be struck off the list for two years.

The witnesses were afterwards removed in custody.

LOCAL SPORT.

SOLDIERS' SHIELD FINAL.

The final for the Soldiers' Club Football Shield will take place to-morrow, 12th inst., the contestants being the Royal Engineers and the West Kents. A good game is anticipated, as the last time these teams met—in the Hongkong Shield Competition—one of the best games of the year was witnessed. It has not been definitely decided on what ground the match is to take place, but the players hope that the Hongkong Club ground will be placed at their disposal. These teams met in the final for the Hongkong Shield on April 8th last year, the Kents running off winners on that occasion by three goals to one.

FANCY DRESS FOOTBALL.

At the Happy Valley on Good Friday the Royal Engineers' team will try conclusions with a "prehistoric" fifteen, and if the ancient turn out this year as they did last, with fine weather a good afternoon's sport will be assured.

UNDERPAID CONSULS.

The resignation is announced with regret by the Department of State at Washington of Mr. James W. Davidson, Consul at Antung, Manchuria, who, after a service of nine years, retires because of his inability to longer draw on his private income to maintain the Consulate. In his letter of resignation Mr. Davidson says: "The salary of my post as Consul at Antung is insufficient, even with the increase which the new Consular Bill now pending in Congress provides, to maintain any Consul in the Orient with becoming dignity and efficiency, in view of the necessity of competing with the Consulates of other Powers, which, owing to the importance of this great and growing field of commercial and political activity, have large sums expended upon them by their respective Governments." Mr. Davidson adds that the salary at which the Consulate has been served has been too small to conduct in a satisfactory way the several offices he has held, and had he not possessed some private income obtained from literary work, it would have been impossible for him to have continued in service this long. Had it been possible to retain Mr. Davidson by transfer to a more lucrative post the Department would have done so, but the office he has held is so far in excess of what he would receive at the Consular service that the Department has been forced to accept his resignation.

PERSIANS AND PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS.

A crowd of excited Persian fanatics has demolished the plague hospital at Seistan (Persia). They beat the British Consul and Doctor with sticks. Precautions against plague cannot be enforced in Seistan. In connection with this outbreak it is interesting to note that the Russian Consulate at Tashkent, no less than 90 per cent. of the plague cases which have occurred in the Mairat district of the province of Seistan have proved fatal. The authorities there are said to be taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease. Mail services from Seistan show that the plague there is not abating, but it is not yet quite certain that the epidemic is one of true plague. Specimens of the blood of the persons attacked have been sent to Seistan for examination, and this should be conclusive test. Captain Kelly, I.M.S., has proceeded to Seistan with a hospital assistant, and the services of Dr. Clemenger, of the Indo-European Telegraph Department, has also been placed at the disposal of the local authorities. Inspection posts have been established for the protection of British territory on the routes leading from Seistan, and the Afghan officials are arranging in communication with the British Consul in Seistan for the protection of their border.

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, April 10th.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

AN ADMIRER OF HONGKONG.

Li Mun was proceeded against on a charge of returning from banishment.

Detective Wilken informed his Worship that he had been convicted three times before on similar charges.

His Worship recorded a fourth conviction, sentencing the defendant to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour, and ordering him to be banished again when his sentence expired.

OBSTRUCTIONS.

Messrs. Price and Co. were proceeded against on summons for obstructing Connaught Road, near Blake Pier by discharging goods from vessels.

His Worship held the offence proved and imposed a fine of \$10.

The masters of seven sampans were charged with obstructing the S.S. *Kishan* while under weigh.

They were found guilty and each fined \$10.

BEFORE MR. C. D. MELBOURNE (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

"A SERIOUS OFFENCE"

The master of the steam launch *Haipay* was proceeded against for travelling in the harbour without lights after dark.

His Worship said it was a serious offence and imposed a fine of \$10.

TOO MUCH WHISTLE.

For blowing his whistle without cause the master of the steam launch *Chung On* was ordered to pay a fine of \$10.

DISORDERLY BEHAVIOUR.

Lily Leet was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner at 12.30 a.m. on the 10th instant at No. 112, Macdonnell Road, Kowloon.

The defendant admitted creating a disturbance, but said it was not at such an early hour. Inspector Langley said he would not dispute the time, but as there had been several complaints regarding this house he would ask his Worship to bind her over.

The defendant was bound over in the sum of \$100, personal bond, to be of good behaviour for six months.

THE PINGCHAU MURDER.

The hearing of the charge of murder preferred against Li Lan, a fisherman residing at Pingchau Island, was continued.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson prosecuted, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the defence.

Lok Kap-mui, a girl 13 years of age, gave evidence as to seeing defendant in deceased's house on several occasions, and once on returning home early she found them both in bed.

Cross-examined—She knew the defendant very well; also his wife. She did not know what day of the month it was, or how many months had elapsed since Chinese New Year, but remembered very well that the murder took place on the 29th day of the 6th moon. She knew a man named Wong Pang, but he never visited deceased's house. Lok Tak did, but never slept there. She did not know who killed deceased.

Lok Yau said he was the father of Lok Tak who was betrothed to the deceased, Mo Lan. On the evening of the 10th September witness went to his son's house to get clothing. He called Mo Lan and when she opened the door the defendant rushed out and witness failed to catch him. On February 1st he again returned to the house in the evening, when he saw the defendant and Mo Lan in bed. The defendant again evaded him and ran away.

Cross-examined—Defendant knocked him down when he rushed out of the house. He did not tell Lok Tak, what he had seen, neither did he report it to the village elders.

After further evidence was heard the case was again adjourned.

ANXIOUS TO FIGHT CHINA.

The Manila *Callers*, convinced that the Chinese despise Americans, thirst for blood. It demands:—Where is all this China war excitement we had a couple of weeks ago? Have conditions so suddenly improved in China that the scare is over? Are the warring and killing bequeathed subsistent? Do the heathen not rage any longer? The trouble is increasing if anything. Then why not rush them to the American troops cut here to be ready for the combat? Alas! Though war is hell it can't be waged without money. Napoleon said that the first requisites for victory was money. And a cold-blooded, coupon-clipping, trust-bought United States Senate refuses the sinews. The Senate under the guidance of Senator Hale, who seems to have taken the leadership from Senator Aldrich, said "no" to Secretary of War Taft when he asked for some millions to prepare for the possible necessities in China. Senator Hale, who is a methodical, unimaginative Yankee from the State of Maine, said that to appropriate this money would be equivalent to a declaration of war against China. The Senator erred. It would be plain warning to China that America would stand no more murderous forays. All observers agree that the United States is despised in China for its weak attitude toward the boyhood. Now Senator Hale has added to the contempt the Celestials feel, meaningless when the configuration bursts out in China Hale will be ready with an explanation for his action in barring preparedness on the part of the United States.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 10th at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has risen generally, particularly over China and S. Japan. The depression has passed into the Pacific to the E. of Japan. The area of high pressure is lying over the N.E. coast of China. Strong N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:—Strong E. winds; dull, rainy.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for presenting to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting, to be held at the company's offices on April 25th, reads:—

In conformity with the special resolutions duly passed and confirmed at the extraordinary general meetings of the company held on the 10th February and 10th March last, the directors have now to lay before the shareholders the accompanying statement of accounts as at the 31st December, 1905.

The working account for the eight months from May to December shows a balance at credit of \$50,294.17, out of which the directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend to shareholders of 12 per cent. (\$3 per share), absorbing \$72,905.10, a bonus of 15 per cent. on contributions on bonus-bearing contributions, absorbing about \$60,000, the remainder being carried forward to be dealt with at the next annual meeting.

DIRECTORS.
Mr. A. R. Linton having retired from the Board, Mr. E. Ormiston accepted the invitation of the directors to resign the Board, and his appointment will be submitted for the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. E. Goetz and A. J. Raymond retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. T. Arnold and H. U. Jeffries, who offer themselves for re-election.

H. W. SLADE,
Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1905.

ASSETS.	\$	c.
Fixed deposits with banks in Hongkong	370,000.00	
Invested in mortgages and other securities in Hongkong	\$654,000.00	
in Shanghai	347,368.41	
Bonds of Chinese Imperial Government, 1896, 100 bonds at Tls. 250 = Tls. 25,000	37,192.98	
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd., debentures	5,501.75	
London branch:—		
Cash in hand and in course of collection	\$251,271.39	
Fixed deposits with banks	152,939.11	
Travelers' cheques	9,746.10	
Imperial Japanese 6 per cent. sterling loan	49,827.41	
Imperial Japanese 4 per cent. sterling loan	27,118.78	
South Australia 10 per cent. scribbled stock of 1894	51,654.82	
Queensland 4 per cent. debenture bonds	49,949.24	
Chinese government 5 per cent. customs loan	70,270.05	
Leasehold property, 73 Cornhill	234,832.24	
	900,660.23	

Australasian branches:—

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on fixed deposit

Shanghai branch:—

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on fixed deposit

Yokohama branch:—

Cash in hand, in course of collection, and on fixed deposit

Imperial Japanese exchequer bonds, 1905

Interest accrued, but not yet payable

Sundry 1-month bills

Furniture at head office and branches

Sundry debtors

THE ALIENATION OF NATAL.

The *Singapore Free Press* takes a strenuous view of recent events to which we have referred.

Although the superficial phase of the Natal incident is over, with the execution of the convicted murderers, the ignominious retreat of the Home Government from a foolish pretence to unattainable interference; and the vindication of the righteous demands of the Natal Government and people to be master in their own house; yet this quite needless conflict between a Colony and a stupid Cabinet in London will not leave things as they were. Natal's pride amongst South African Colonies lay in its intense loyalty, that again due to the preponderance of British blood and the relatively small proportion of Dutch settlers. Yet it is this Colony, which was the first to suffer from the Boer invasion, and attacked principally because it was the stronghold of British influence in South Africa, that has been selected by this new Liberal Government as a Colony to be flouted and coerced into an abdication of its own due authority within its own frontiers; this too, from a party notoriously tender to the enemy, and positively grovelling to the rascals. What Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman is about to reap is the reward of all his protracted partisanship for the face of his country during the late war in South Africa. This blow, delivered at him and his Parliament by a majority, which they have received like whiplash, will be felt throughout the country, for the consequences will come to understand that a huge majority is no guarantee against official folly, indeed, in Radical hands, is a temptation thereto. It will be felt more in the House, because there it will be impossible for Ministers to evade cross-examination and investigation for raising a quarrel of the most dangerous kind between an Imperial Government and a British Colony. With the Unionists the Home Government has the friend, the sympathetic councillor, the protector of the Colony, the new Radical administration has proved itself a cavalier, a carper, and a bully. And it has deservedly gone down before the straight counter from the shoulder that it was fool enough to think Natal would not deliver the moment its honour was assaulted. Natal will never be the same again, for such an attack is never forgotten, or forgiven. And so long as the present party settlement in Britain there can be no return of confidence; nothing but a cold suspicious neutrality.

Now Natal is not the only quarter in which British colonial feeling is deeply engaged against the present Government. The Australian Commonwealth conceives that it is aggrieved by being ignored in a matter in which Australia must certainly be taken as having a direct interest, indeed the only direct interest. It will be remembered that the apathy of the Imperial Government over the question of Eastern New Guinea left it open to the German Government to seize the northern coast in spite of the protest of Australia. Now comes another difficulty in regard to the New Hebrides in which there has been for some time a sort of Anglo-French condominium, in the working of which the British and Australian interests were allowed to be overborne by the French. A settlement has been arrived at, in which no effort has been made to ascertain the views of Australia and New Zealand, both of which States are very immediately concerned in the maintenance of their own influence in the Archipelago. A Sydney telegram to a London contemporary of March 7 sets forth, in the terms given below, the attitude of these two colonies and the sense of grievance which they entertain as a result of their being ignored by the Foreign Office:—

There is intense and growing dissatisfaction with the cabinet summary of the Anglo-French settlement of the New Hebrides question. The principal ground of complaint is that Australia and New Zealand have not been consulted, and the statement that the agreement is to be submitted to them now gives little satisfaction.

That Australia was not represented on the laids tribunal and that there will be a continuance of the bad dual system, under which French trade remains supreme in consequence of the liberal French subsidies, are other complaints. The absence of a basis for the regulation of trade and the neglect of the native ruler's petition to the King in 1901 for definite British rule also cause dissatisfaction.

It is urged that the question is vitally associated with Great Britain's future in the Southern Pacific, especially as the New Hebrides are on the direct line of the contemplated Panama Canal route.

The Melbourne *Age* declares that if the Federal Government were sitting the adjournment of both Houses would be moved. Other leading journals are equally critical.

Mr. Deakin, the Federal Premier, is reticent pending fuller information, but is clearly dissatisfied.

THE LATE MAJOR-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM GATACRE.

The death of Major-General Sir William Gatacre, which occurred at Gambela, in the Upper Sudan, is thus referred to by the *Times*.

Major-General Sir William Gatacre, K.C.B., D.S.O., who belonged to a well-known Shropshire family, was born in December, 1843, and entered the 77th Foot, now the 2nd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, as an ensign in February, 1862. His early regimental life was uneventful, and even after passing out of the Staff College in 1874 he gave little indication of rising to any particular eminence in his profession. From 1875 to 1879 he remained an instructor in military surveying at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, which he left to serve for a year as D.A.A. and Q.M.G. at Aldershot. In October, 1880, he was given an officiating appointment in Madras as Assistant Quarter-master-General, and in April, 1882, he succeeded to the command of his battalion, which he held until 1885. It was during this period that Gatacre came under the notice of Lord Roberts, then Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Army; and when Lord Roberts succeeded the late Sir Donald Stewart as Commander-in-Chief in India he took the colonel of the 2nd Middlesex with him to Simla as Deputy-Quarter-master-General. This appointment Gatacre held until 1890, having headquarters at Simla during the intervening five years. He took part, first in the Hazara expedition of 1888, where he acted as D.A.A. and Q.M.G., was mentioned in despatches, and won the D.S.O., and again in the Teshon expedition of 1889-90, which formed part of the long and difficult punitive operations in Burma. At Indian Army Headquarters Gatacre's restless energy was manifest, one of his striking traits in particular, a mark of his high character, was his habit of passing later into a local tradition. In November, 1890, Gatacre was transferred to Bombay as Adjutant-General of the Bombay Army, then commanded by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. In January, 1894, he was appointed a brigadier-general in command of a Bombay district, and in the following year was given charge of one of the brigades of the Chitral relief force under Sir Robert Low.

In the Chitral expedition General Gatacre came prominently to the front, especially in connection with the passage of the Janabata and Lowari Passes. In overcoming these formidable obstacles his indomitable energy and personal example were of invaluable service; but in the last active work of the campaign he was thought to have been slightly injured, and afterwards died of the British division in the Sudan, to an unnecessary strain by continued suppressants, to guard against which at least one corps was used to be taken up by the British division. The action at Marnag on April 30, 1895, was conducted by Gatacre, who also distinguished himself by saving a man from being drowned in the Panjora river. For his services in this campaign he was mentioned in despatches and received the C.B.

Gatacre remained a brigadier-general on the Indian establishment until July, 1897, when he returned home to assume command of the 1st Infantry Brigade at Aldershot. He had only held this for a few weeks when he was ordered to Egypt to take charge of the British brigade at the battle of El Tebe. He was again mentioned in despatches, and his personal gallantry was once again conspicuously displayed. In the subsequent advance on Khartoum General Gatacre was given command of the British division, with Colonel G. M. Lytton and Wauchope as his brigadiers. Under his command the division certainly was in a state of constant readiness and hard fighting efficiency; but he was again wounded in the action at El Tebe, and he was taken to the hospital. He was again mentioned in despatches, and his personal gallantry was once again conspicuously displayed. In the subsequent advance on Khartoum General Gatacre was given command of the British division, with Colonel G. M. 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PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 20th June
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 4th July
GNIESEN	WEDNESDAY 18th July
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY 1st August
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SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 12th September

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return	97 0 0	68 0 0	38 0 0

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via NAPLES, GENOA or GIBRALTAR	115 0 0	73 0 0	47 0 0
return	68 0 0	48 0 0	27 0 0
via BREMEN or SOUTHAMPTON	123 0 0	83 0 0	49 0 0

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
PRINZ SIGISMUND	TUESDAY, 1st May.
WILLHELM	TUESDAY, 29th May.
PRINZ WALDEMAR	TUESDAY, 26th June.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st MAY, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ SIGISMUND," Captain I. von Manteuffel, with Mailed Passengers and Cargo, will leave this Port as above. The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Line can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

To	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class	return
TO MANILA	\$10 0 0	\$7 0 0	\$4 0 0	\$17 0 0
TO NEW GUINEA	\$28 0 0	\$18 0 0	\$14 0 0	\$42 0 0
TO BRISBANE	\$30 0 0	\$20 0 0	\$15 0 0	\$45 0 0
TO SYDNEY	\$33 0 0	\$23 0 0	\$18 0 0	\$48 0 0
TO MELBOURNE	\$34 0 0	\$24 0 0	\$19 0 0	\$49 0 0
TO YOKOHAMA	\$50 0 0	\$30 0 0	\$20 0 0	\$70 0 0
TO KOBE	\$55 0 0	\$35 0 0	\$25 0 0	\$75 0 0
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBE to HONGKONG	\$140 0 0	\$90 0 0	\$60 0 0	\$230 0 0

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class \$27 0 0.

TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND COLOMBO by Imperial Mail Steamer \$27 0 0.

TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA \$27 0 0.

From Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C.P.R. Co's steamers, or via San Francisco by the O. & S.S. Co's steamers, and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of N.D.L.

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE		
YOKOHAMA and KOBE ...	PRINZ SIGISMUND ...	Wednesday, 11th April, 6 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SACHSEN	Wednesday, 11th April.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday, 23rd April.

Reaching Yokohama in less than six days.

TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG via Vancouver or San Francisco to New York by the C.P.R. Co's steamers P.M.S.S. Co. O. & S.S. Co., T. K. K. and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following rates:—

To London via Plymouth or Southampton	1st Class \$32 0 0.
To Bremen	63 0 0.
To Paris via Cherbourg	65 0 0.
To Naples, Genoa via Gibraltar	65 0 0.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIMAHU	JAPAN	First half of April	JAVA PORTS	First half of April
TJILIWONG	JAVA	First half of April	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of April
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half of April	JAVA PORTS	First half of May
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of April	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of May

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENCY OF THE

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

York Buildings, 1st Floor.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1906.

Telephone No. 375.

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

Regular Steamship Service between Hongkong and South America Ports.

The Company's Chartered Steamship

"GLENFARG,"

5,600 tons, will be despatched for CALLAO (Peru) and IQUIQUE (Chili) on or about 10th April, 1906, at Noon.

Also taking freight to other Eastern Coast Ports of South America transshipping to the Connecting Lines.

For further information as to Freight and Passage apply to

K. MATSUDA,

YORK BUILDING.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1906.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.

Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TAWAU, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN, JOLO, ZAMBOANGA and MENADO.

THE Company's Steamship

Captain F. Sembill (ready to load TO-MORROW, 12th inst.), will leave on SATURDAY, the 14th inst., at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1906.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CENTRAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"ARCADIA,"

Captain W. W. Cooke, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on SATURDAY, the 21st April, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "Victoria," 6,322 tons, from Colombo.

Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Arcturion," due in London on 3rd June.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1906.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"FLINT-CHIRE,"

will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 15th May.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

AGENTS.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1906.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, Saturday and Monday next, the 13th, 14th and 15th April, the Post Office will be closed for one hour only, from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. All out-going mails will be closed at 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe, the Office will be opened for the delivery of the mail, for one hour. There will be one delivery and a collection of letters as on Sundays. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The *Sachsen*, with the German mail of the 13th March, left Singapore on Saturday, the 7th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The *Polignac*, with the French mail of the 16th March, left Singapore on Monday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 16th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 14th February.

A Mail for MACAO, is despatched per *S.S. Wingchai* on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8.00 a.m.

Mails for CANTON, SAMSHUI and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 5.00 p.m.

Mails for CANTON, NANTAO, SANDU, KONGMOON, KUMCHUK, SAMSHUI, and WUCHOW are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

No mail is despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Singapore, Penang and Bombay	Cepri	Wednesday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)	Atterton	Wednesday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
EUROPE, A.C. INDIA VIA TUTORIN	P.R. Laidholm	Wednesday, 11th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		

TO-DAY.	TO-MORROW.
Sale, Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. F. Kline, 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.	Sale, Sundry Goods, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammer, at 11 a.m.
Sale, Steamer "Deima" and Coal, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammer, at 12 noon.	Sale, Japanese Curio, Sales Rooms, Mr. F. Kline, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Extraordinary General Meeting, Philippine Co., Ltd., Office of the National Bank of China, Ltd., 3.15 p.m.	Annual General Meeting, Hongkong Horticultural Society, at the City Hall, at 5.30 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai at 6.30 a.m. on Monday, the 9th inst., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 7 a.m. on Thursday, the 12th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Sachsen* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 13th March, left Singapore on Saturday, 7th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, 11th inst., p.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Polignac* with the next French Mail, left Singapore on Monday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

The *Barber Line*, str. *St. Ignace* sailed from New York for China and Japan on the 14th March.

The steamer *Shah Altun* left Kobe via Miji on the 1st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

The steamer *Hongkong Maru* sailed from Yokohama on 7th April, and may be expected at this port on the 18th inst.

The steamer *Star of India* sailed from Singapore on the 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 11th inst.

The steamer *Albatross* left Kanton on 5th inst., and is due to arrive here on or about the 11th April.

The steamer *Katsang* left Calcutta for this port via Straits on 1st inst., and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* left Yokohama for Vancouver on Friday, the 6th inst.

The steamer *Gulf of Venice* is due to leave Macao on the 12th inst., and may be expected here on the 15th inst.

The O.S.S. Co. & C.M.S.N. Co. str. *Moyana* left Singapore on 6th inst. for Shanghai direct.

The *Barber Line* str. *Way Castle* from New York, left Singapore on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on the 14th inst.

The *Manila* str. *Sikh* from Middleborough, Glasgow and Liverpool, sailed from Singapore on the 6th inst., and may be expected here on the 12th inst.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per *Pandora*, from Singapore for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. Gervay, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Bith, from Yokohama, Mrs. Halahan, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Miss Price, Mr. and Mrs. MacKintosh, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. Tisdall.
Per *Scandia*, from Shanghai, Mrs. Fairweather and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Rohler and 2 children, Mrs. Ann and daughter, Messrs. Kallhoff, Groppe, Kinkel, Parrett and Pratt.
Per *Rubi*, from Macao, Mrs. Ullman, Mrs. C. W. Howson, Mrs. L. D. Hargis, Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Hargis, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sana and child, Miss Ullman, Miss Barin, Miss J. G. Coulter, Miss M. Huff, Miss K. M. Young, Master E. W. Sana, Dr. J. A. Saco, U.S.A., Messrs. G. A. Davis, F. J. Waters, R. B. Blackman, C. Helm, W. C. Brett, N. A. Shipman, H. F. Newman, B. Jones, Jose de Leon, J. C. Joven, W. S. MacLeod, G. H. Perceval, F. J. Robinson, L. D. Hargis, M. Friedman, R. A. Derby, L. M. McDermott, R. P. Berryman, C. B. Baker, H. S. Gray, N. O. Burns, J. H. Hume, J. C. Long, F. Rodriguez, J. M. O'Neill, H. K. Hume, A. Joven, J. P. Burnett, J. G. Connelly, Oberg and L. C. Hegley.
Per *Prinz Sigismund*, for Hongkong from Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. H. Green, Miss Kigby, Miss Smith, Messrs. H. A. Powell, J. E. Jones, H. Glasser and T. E. Jackson, Miss Ethel Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Keigwin and family, Mr. E. Gurnel, from Singapore, Dr. Hahl and family, from Friedrich Wilhelmstrasse, Dr. Hoffmann, from Manila, Miss Olive Knight, Miss R. McCollan, Miss L. Foley, Mr. Leop. Pennyler, Miss Sam Knights, Miss Elisabeth

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, April 10th.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$200	\$100.
Banks—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$850, sellers
National B. of China	125	London, 450.10
A. Shenas	25	\$40, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	125	63. 57.
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$04.
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$10, sales & buy.
China Provident	\$10	\$0, sales & sel.
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	\$15	\$15, 61, sellers
Hongkong	\$10	\$10, 61, sellers
International	\$15	\$15, 61.
Laun Kung Mow	\$15	\$15, 61.
Soyenne	\$15	\$15, 61.
Dairy Farm	\$0	\$10, sellers
Docks and Wharves—		
Fairbank, B. & Co.	\$15	\$15, 117.
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$104, buyers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$170, sellers
New Amoy Dock	\$50	\$17, buyers
Shai & H. Wharf	\$15	\$15, 220.
Feenick & Co., Geo.	\$25	\$21, sellers
G. Island Cement	\$10	\$30, sales & sellers
Hongkong & C. Co.	\$10	\$17, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$10, buyers
Do. New	\$10	\$10, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	\$100	\$220, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	\$50	\$133, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$50	\$230.
Hongkong Rope Co.	\$50	\$143, sellers
H. K. S. Waterfront	\$10	\$10, sellers
Insurance—		
Canton	\$50	\$235, sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$86, buyers
China Traders	\$25	\$07.
Hongkong	\$25	\$07.
North China	\$25	\$14, 021.
Union	\$100	\$785, sales & A
Yangtze	\$50	\$190, sales
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land	\$100	\$116, buyers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$114, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$10	\$80, buyers
Shanghai Land	\$10	\$117.
West Point Building	\$50	\$53, sales
Mining—		
Charbonnages	\$25	\$400.
Baube	\$15	\$3.
Philippine Co.	\$0	\$51.
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$150, sellers
Lusong Sugar	\$100	\$25.
Steamship Companies—		
China and Manila	\$25	\$18.
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$41, buyers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$24, buyers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	\$10	\$83, buyers
Shall Transport Co.	\$1	\$4, buyers
Star Ferry	\$10	\$32, buyers
Do. New	\$5	\$23, sellers
Shanghai & H. Dyeing	\$50	\$30.
South China M. Post.	\$25	\$20, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	\$7, sellers
Do. New	\$5	\$7, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries—		
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$32, A. D.
Powell & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$11, sales
Watkins	\$10	\$10, sellers
Watson & Co., A. S.	\$10	\$13, sales
Do. Poon & S.	\$10	\$10.

VENNON & SMYTH, Brokers.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

Ship Companies		
and Manila	\$25	\$18.
Ship Companies	\$50	\$41, buyers
and Manila	\$15	\$247, buyers
Ship Companies	\$210	\$631, buyers
and Manila	21	24, buyers
Ship Companies	\$10	\$32, buyers
and Manila	\$5	\$32, buyers
Ship Companies	\$25	\$50.
and Manila	\$25	\$20, sellers
Ship Companies	\$5	\$7, sellers
and Manila	\$5	\$04, sellers
Ship Companies		
and Manila	\$10	\$32, x. d.
Ship Companies	\$10	\$11, sellers
and Manila	\$10	\$20, sellers
Ship Companies	\$10	\$13, sellers
and Manila	\$4	\$9.
Ship Companies	\$10	\$160.
and Manila		